

"IS GRAVE MISTAKE," ALL FOXWELL SAYS

Promoter Remains in Prison
Awaiting Extradition Pa-
pers From Boston.

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Foxwell "hovered between London and Paris" a great deal while the property of the Grouler company was being investigated by the captain's foreign office.

Company Interested
Was Report of Foxwell.

Mr. Morrill said that after Foxwell's first visit to Paris he returned with assurances that his company was much interested. However, explained the captain, according to Mr. Morrill, it would be necessary for them to send over a special investigator. The investigator came, but upon returning to Paris to make his report, died a few days after reaching French soil.

Mr. Morrill says he is not anxious to give Captain Foxwell trouble providing he will "produce."

As to these and other similar charges, Captain Foxwell, sitting dejectedly today at the first precinct would say nothing. "I am in an unenviable and embarrassing position," he said, as though awakened from a reverie. "Yet, it would not do for me to talk now. There is a time and a place to combat these things. Perhaps tomorrow, I may have something to say about it all."

Captain Makes

Favorable Impression.

In appearance Captain Foxwell is a stout, heavily set clear-eyed business man. He impresses one most favorably and almost fits the term "gentleman of the old school." He is extremely courteous in bearing to every one about the police station and to the newspaper callers. In a way, he possesses a subtle magnetism that rather convinces one that perhaps there is a mistake about the entire matter, as Captain Foxwell asserts there most assuredly is.

He is neatly dressed and was wearing an elegant suit of Oxford gray when placed in custody of the two officers in front of the Connecticut after his identification by Herbert Mosell, secretary of the Grouler Company.

The utmost secrecy is being thrown today around the movements of Mrs. Foxwell, who is said to be nearly prostrated at her apartments. She appeared at the police station early this morning and for the second time since the unexpected arrest of her husband a rather affecting scene took place. Mrs. Foxwell is younger than her husband, being scarcely above thirty, and is evidently as modest and retiring as the husband is unassuming. She was seen to leave the Connecticut in tears as she started to make the visit to the captain in his strange, new surroundings.

Both Preferred
Quiet "Home Life."

From all that can be learned today both husband and wife have been addicted rather to a quiet "home-life"—as expressed by the husband—rather than a desire to appear much in society or in public. The reports that the couple owned an automobile, that they dined downtown frequently in the fashionable hotels, and that they spent money lavishly, was denied today. Their chief recreation seemed to be a drive about the city, an occasional supper at a hotel, and frequent attendance at the theaters, when they came and went alone. They are understood to have but few callers, and to know but few Washington people. The carriages in which the couple were sometimes seen about

PROMOTER'S DEALINGS IN BOSTON EXPLAINED

President of Copper Company Tells of Transactions
With Foxwell—Officers With Requisition Pa-
pers Will Come for Him Tomorrow.

BOSTON, Mass., May 16.—Chief William B. Watts, of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation this morning stated to the Munsey News service correspondent that he would send Inspector Harris and Gaddis to Washington early tomorrow armed with extradition papers to bring back to this city Charles Layton Foxwell, alleged to have secured over \$50,000 by fraudulent mining promotions.

George H. Morrill, Jr., president of the Grouler Copper Company, this morning at his home in Norwood issued an interview explaining his dealings with Foxwell. The interview was as follows:

"Just about a year ago I was looking for some competent person to act as promoter for the Grouler Copper Company, as I had already sunk a large sum in the property in Arizona, and wanted more capital to complete the developments.

"This Captain Foxwell came to us, and told us a story of his intimate connections with Paris and London financiers. I had no means of investigating his representations. Taking him on appearances he seemed solid enough. He is between fifty and sixty years of age, I should judge, and distinguished in bearing—not pompous, but important looking. He is at least six feet tall and heavily set. From his address I was willing to believe him all he said he was.

Took Precaution.

"I took the business precaution of having our attorney draw up papers which stipulated just what he promised to accomplish for the company. These papers were presented to him in New York by the treasurer of the company before any money was advanced to him, and he signed them.

"Then he went to Europe to interest his Parisian friends in our proposition and in others, for which a number of Boston men had engaged his services. I understand that none of them had signed any papers, and they had nothing to show for the money they advanced. Because we have, I've been anxious to get track of the captain and his money.

"I don't want to put the captain in jail; I only want him to produce.

"Returning to New York after his first trip to Paris, he said that a coterie of capitalists were impressed with the possibilities of our company as he had the city park were in every instance rented from a nearby livery, which counted Captain Foxwell as one of its best customers.

Mrs. Foxwell, who, according to New York reports was known in that city as "Lady Alice," dresses handsomely and in good taste, but not extravagantly. It is denied today that she drew up at police headquarters in a large limousine car when informed of her husband's arrest. Instead, it is said, she went upon a street car, and was so little acquainted with Washington that she did not know of the location of the Municipal building.

Declines To

Discuss Case.

Other than to say that there has been a "grave mistake," Mrs. Foxwell has been so wrought-up over her husband's arrest that she has discussed the case with no one. In the language of one who has seen her, "she seems a woman completely crushed and stunned by it all."

In direct contrast to the conduct of John C. Davis, who occupied a cell in the same precinct a week ago today, is the manner in which Captain Foxwell takes his confinement. When seen this afternoon he sat with his head bowed down, his eyes fixed steadfastly upon the floor, his hands entwined, with fingers twitching nervously. He looked up with a start, as though just awakening. While he talked he drummed his knees nervously.

"You want to see me," he said; "well,

disclosed them, and they were going to send an investigator over. The investigator came in due season, so he reported, and the captain reported that he would have to go to Chicago with him to satisfy him of the value of our property. The investigator, we were told, returned to Paris to make his report. Very soon came the announcement that the investigator had sickened and died two or three days after putting foot on his native soil.

Work Done All Over.

"It appeared that most of the work had to be done all over again. In company with George Otis Draper, who was won by the captain's interesting personality, he sailed for England last February. Though we were growing restive, he was placid enough, and proposed stopping at London on his way to Paris. It seems that he hovered between London and Paris a good part of the time. We quite lost track of him, and his New York connections appeared to have been abandoned.

"Though my associates insisted that he wasn't in this country, I suspected that he could be found in New York before long, and asked our attorney, Mr. Perkins, to try to locate him. 'Yesterday I heard from him that he thought our man was in Washington, and Mr. Moseley went over last night. Today I had a wire saying that the arrest had been made. What the other Boston men may do who put their confidence in the captain, I don't know.

"All we want is our money back. 'Foxwell is a fine talker, and seemed to have large experience as a promoter. He gave us to understand that he was the American representative of a Paris company that had unlimited resources. When he went to Europe he left the impression that he would be back in a few days. He said that he was going to raise \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000. I think we are the only ones who got his name to any paper. So far as I know, there was no half million swindle involved in any local operation the captain is connected with.

Official Figures.

According to the office of the district attorney, the transactions in which Foxwell has figured will exceed \$50,000, the most first case here four years ago. During his first stay he failed to interest any financier in his schemes, but returned about a year ago and met Moseley and Morrill, of the Grouler Company, whom he succeeded in interesting.

really, you know, I don't want to be discourteous, I couldn't be to any man, but I can't talk now. You see the unenviable position I am in. These things must be combatted later, but now it is a personal matter. You are a gentleman, and I am a gentleman, so can't you understand?"

And then he resumed his downcast, dejected posture, thanking the visitor for the consideration shown in making the call. This was immediately after Mrs. Foxwell had left the station.

When the Foxwells first came to the Capital the latter part of last year, they occupied apartments at the New Willard for several weeks. It was said there today that they stay he failed to interest any financier in his schemes, but returned about a year ago and met Moseley and Morrill, of the Grouler Company, whom he succeeded in interesting.

They are said to have similarly impressed those who have known them about the Connecticut. As tenants they were considered ideal, and their apparent desire for a life much to themselves was respected.

Captain Foxwell had been a familiar figure about the Hotel Manhattan in New York for a number of years. The police are unable to locate the price of the Capital in search of seclusion.

Captain Foxwell is said to have returned to New York about a year ago with a wife. Prior to this time he was regarded, it is said, as a single man.

CARDINAL CONFIRMS HUNDRED CHILDREN

His Eminence Preaches on
the Need of Religious
Influences.

Cardinal Gibbons confirmed a class of 108 children at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Fifteenth and V streets northwest, this morning, following high mass. It was the cardinal's second appearance in Washington this spring, and his presence served to attract a large congregation. In the class were eighty-seven girls, fifteen of whom were converts.

In his address to the class the cardinal placed great stress on the need of religious influences in the lives of young people. Assisting the cardinal in the services were the Rev. George Doherty and the Rev. Dr. Maguire, of the Catholic University.

The Rev. William Ketcham, of the Catholic Indian School, sang the high mass which preceded the confirmation. The Rev. James Mackin, pastor of St. Paul's Church, assisting.

Cardinal Gibbons advised the children to adhere strictly to the faith, and urged them to assist in its spread. The need of religious teaching, he said, was never more necessary than today in order to increase reverence for the church among the young generations. Cardinal Gibbons will be the guest of Father Mackin today at the church rectory and will return to Baltimore tonight.

HELD FOR BURNING HOUSE HE OCCUPIED

Suspected of setting fire last Thursday night to the house which he occupied at 723 Third street southwest, Richard Jennings, a negro, forty-two years old, was arrested today by Detectives Klendinst and Groves on complaint of Mrs. Marshall Nicholson, who believes that the blaze was of incendiary origin. Jennings, it is said, put in a claim for \$500 insurance on the furniture. The negro denies that he knows how the blaze started.

DOWAGER QUEEN OF ITALY SINKING

German Specialist's Bulletin Says Condition of Margherita Is Grave.

ROME, May 16.—A distinguished German specialist who arrived at the palace to attend the Dowager Queen Margherita, issued a bulletin today saying that her condition was extremely grave. She is reported to be rapidly sinking.

HURRY CAUSES HURT.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., May 16.—Hurrying from work so that he might be in time to attend church, John Flynn tried to board a freight train and fell under the cars. Both legs were crushed and he will die.

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